



Highcliffe School Student Bulletin

Tuesday 3rd – Friday 6th January: Week B

General Notices

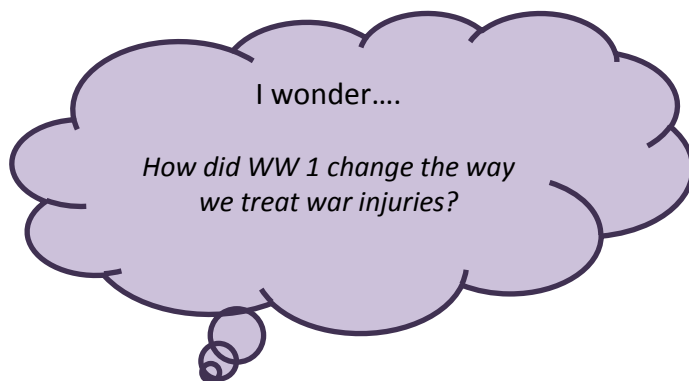
SAFEDATE (SRY)

All year 10 students will be taken off timetable for an hour in their tutor groups on Monday 9 January to enable them to have an hour's seminar with SAFEDATE.

- 10.1 and 10.2 – Performance Hall 8.50am
- 10.3 and 10.4 – Performance Hall at 9.55am
- 10.5 and 10.6 – Performance Hall at 11.15am
- 10.7 and 10.8 – Performance Hall at 12.15pm

11.8 RSPB Save the Albatross (JBN)

11.8 are collecting used postage stamps as part of the RSPB Save the Albatross campaign. Please can you bring in your used postage stamps, UK or overseas. Please cut the stamp off the envelope or parcel, leaving around one centimeter of envelope or packaging around each stamp. There are collection points in the Staff Room and IT3. Thank you.



Lost Property (KTN)

A message for Parents. In the past two weeks, **15 un-named coats** have arrived in Student Support. If they are not collected by Monday 16th December, they will be collected by a local charity shop. Thank you. Mrs Thompson. Student Support Office.

A friend for the future ... (DBN)

Would you like to host a Japanese student? In March 2017, we have 14 boys from our partner school in Hiroshima visiting Highcliffe School. We are looking for 14 families to look after the students. If you are interested, please let Mr Bryden know by the school office or download the letter from the school website and send in the form. (The letter is also attached to the bulletin notice).

Here is what Jack Ogden, who hosted last year, had to say:

"I would recommend hosting a Japanese student if you get the opportunity. My family and I agree; this is the best thing we have collectively done. The students are polite, respectful and come with the intention of enjoying themselves. They slot easily into your weekly routine and are enthusiastic about family life. They are excited to go on local trains or simply to enjoy fish and chips on the beach."

Bookmark Competition (MHY)

A very big thank-you, to all the students who entered the library bookmark competition. Miss Browning, who was the judge, had a very difficult time selecting the best three. After much deliberation the decision was made! The winner was Josie Meredith 11.1 and the runners up were Aiden Blay 8.6 and Mackenzie Rainger 8.9. The prizes were presented to the winners in the library at break time today. The winning bookmarks will be printed and used as library bookmarks.

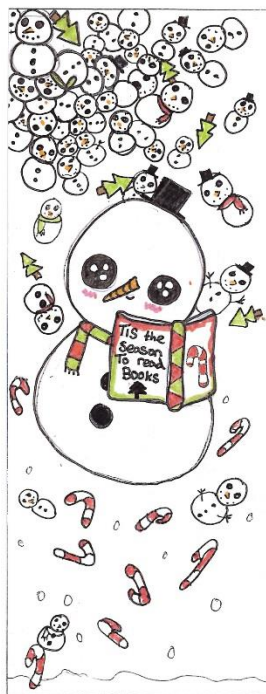
Can I remind you to check your library book for the return date, if it is before the 16th December, please return or renew your book before you leave for the holidays?

We wish you all a happy and restful Christmas holiday.

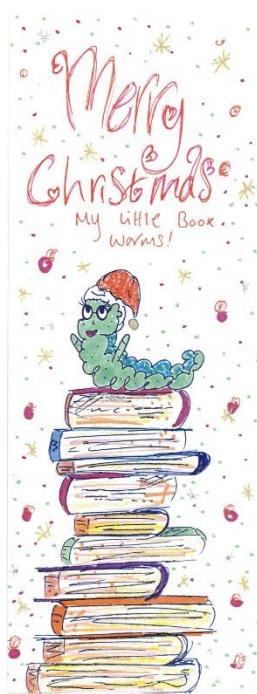
Ms. Haley & Miss Browning.



Aiden Blay
8.6



Mackenzie Rainger
8.9



Josie Meredith
11.1

Biology Support sessions (RCN)

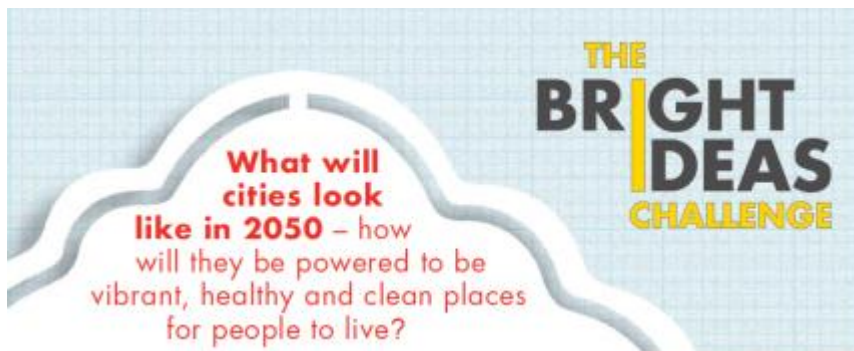
A level Biologists are encouraged to check their email as there are a range of support sessions that are now ongoing for year 12 and year 13. Details of these have been sent to all A level classes. Please contact Mr Craven in SC12 if there are any questions regarding these.

Eco club (RCN)

Eco club 2016 is up and running! We have started to clear the garden from last year in preparation for the next growing season. The Eco club meets every Thursday after school until 16:00. We meet in the garden if weather is clear, SC12 if it is wet! All lower school students are welcome to attend and learn how to grow their own food. Suitable outdoor clothing is essential and suitable footwear (wellington boots) highly recommended.

STEM Tech club

Takes place on Wednesdays each week. The club has started well with 6 teams of students signed up to enter the BP Bright Ideas competition to design a solution to power a city on the south coast in 2050. The students were all working hard to start initial ideas for this challenge which we are aiming to complete just after February half term to be in with a chance of a substantial cash prize! James, Beth and Pat



My Help Live

Support and guidance

Progression and development

Breakthrough and achievement

Extended Learning Time in our Learning Centres

Break and Lunchtime Monday-Friday		After School Monday-Thursday	
LS1	11.00-11.20am	Library	3.05-4.00pm
LS1	13.30-13.55pm	IT2	3.05-4.00pm
IT2	13.30-13.55pm		

PE Notices

FIXTURES/PRACTICES 3rd- 6th January

	LUNCHTIME (1.25-1.55pm)	AFTER SCHOOL (3.05-4.10pm)
Tuesday	Years 10 & 11 Basketball Club (NJS)	
Wednesday		Year 7 v Year 8 Football (SHM & NJS) Year 7-10 netball Club (MWR & HWH) Table tennis Club
Thursday	Year 7 Basketball Club (NJS)	Year 7 & 8 Girls Basketball Club (LSN) All years Girls Football Club (HWH/CFM)
Friday		Year 8 football v Allenbourne Middle (H) (NJS) 2.30pm KO

Literacy

Spelling Focus

Closing the Gap

Here are two simple strategies to tackle those spellings that you find tricky and to “Close the Gap”:

1. Find the “word-within-the word”.

Where is the “Danger Zone” for separate?

The Danger Zone for this word is in the middle. How can we remember that it is an “a” after the “p”?

Use the word-within-a-word strategy:

There is a **rat** in “separate”.

With what other words would this strategy be useful?

2. Make a silly sentence

“Because” is a word that creates problems. However, the silly sentence strategy helps us to remember it:
Big Elephants Can Actually Understand Small Elephants.

Here’s a good one for “necessary”. I’ve put this word’s Danger Zones in bold. A way I remember this is to say “It is necessary for a shirt to have one collar and two sleeves.” This helps me remember that “necessary” needs one “C” and two “S”s. (By the way, there is another Danger Zone in this word. Do you know what it is?)

With what other words would this strategy be useful?

So, when a teacher asks you to check or correct a spelling that you are often getting wrong, think about if you can use one of the above strategies to “Close the Gap”!

EVENTS

**Swing Unlimited Big Band present:
Christmas Jazz & Swing**

7 December

7.30pm

**Viva Voce Singers Christmas Carol
Concert**

14 December

7.30pm

La Nova Singers Christmas Concert

21 December

7.30pm

Christmas Ghost Stories

23 December

7.30pm

Castle closed in January

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'We value the power of education to change lives.'

A fantastic opportunity: A chance to host a Japanese student

"It's one of the best things I've ever done!" – A Highcliffe parent who hosted

Dear Parent,

Next term, Highcliffe School will once again be welcoming a delegation of students from our partner school in Hiroshima, Japan, and we are looking for families to host them and for students to act as 'buddies' within school.

As many of you may well be aware, we welcomed 15 students from Johoku High School to our school and community in March 2015. As always, they made a huge impact, impressing everyone with their good humour, good manners and general "have-a-go" approach to everything.

Every year, both students and the host families have found it a very enjoyable experience and, within a short space of time, have always forged good friendships. Obviously, the Japanese students get a lot out of the experience, but so too do the host families. One host family once commented that looking after a Japanese student was a great experience because they found themselves doing more things together as a family! Many families have remained in contact with their "buddy" from previous exchanges. Moreover, families and students are often keen to host again.

Dates have yet to be confirmed but they should be here for a **two-week period** in the last two or three weeks of the Spring Term.

The exchange is **open to students at Highcliffe School from years 7 to 13**. It goes without saying, of course, that families will need to be able to provide a secure, safe and supportive environment for their guest.

Following the government's statutory guidance, we are required to carry out DBS checks on all members in a host family over the age of 18. DBS checks are carried out online and you will receive an email from them inviting you to complete the process. (Please check your junk mail too for the email).

We will require you to bring to school **three** forms of identification, one of which must contain your full address and, if applicable, proof of name change. These must be the following:

- Current driving licence
- Passport including photograph
- Birth Certificate
- Utility bill or financial statement, dated within the last 3 months
- Change of name documentation, i.e. deed poll or marriage certificate
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There will be a meeting about the programme on **Monday 9th January** from 6.00 to 7.00 pm in En1.

It's worth reminding ourselves that this is a tremendous opportunity. Highcliffe is one of the few state schools in Britain to host such a programme. In this era of globalisation, we need to be able to forge relationships with people from different cultures than ours. Programmes like these help our young people develop such qualities.

Furthermore, looking after someone from a different culture and sharing one's own life and culture with them is not only enriching, but very rewarding emotionally.

If you are at all interested in hosting a Japanese student and your son/daughter has shown an interest in learning about different cultures, please fill in the attached form and give it to Mr Bryden by **Friday 6th January 2017**.

If you have any questions at all about hosting, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Yours faithfully,



Mr D Bryden
Japanese Exchange Organiser

Some questions you may have:

Q: No one in my family speaks Japanese, so how good is their English?

A: Please do not be put off by the language barrier. The Japanese students' English will be of a reasonable standard. Experience, both here and in Japan, has shown that limited Japanese or English is not an obstacle to the students and host families being able to establish a good relationship and make friends.

Q: The Japanese students are all boys. Can my daughter host one, too?

A: Yes, no problem! In recent years, about half of the hosts have been female students.

Q: What about my son/daughter's school work and extra-curricular activities?

A: Please don't feel you have to drop everything. Visiting students are expected to fit in with normal family life. They will be aware that our students have home-study and other commitments.

Q: My son/ daughter is in Year 7. Is he or she too young?

A: The Japanese boys will be 15 to 16 years old. We have often had Year 7 students hosting, both boys and girls. They did an excellent job and really benefited from the experience.

Q: Can the boys share a room?

A: Yes, that is fine.

JOHOKU TO HIGHCLIFFE FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE PROGRAMME 2017

Please tick the appropriate answer and hand the form to Mr Bryden.

Yes, we are interested in hosting a Japanese student and are able to attend the meeting on Monday 9th January in Room En1 from 6.00 to 7.00 pm.

Yes, we are interested in hosting a Japanese student, but we are unable to attend the meeting. Please let us know of more details.

Student's name: Tutor group:.....

Parent name: Signature.

Contact: